

AHCCCS NPI Key Updates
May 2008

- **For submissions on or after our published compliance date of 3/1/2008 NPI's will be required for all non-Atypical rendering/service providers submitted on claims and encounters to AHCCCS.**
- **For submissions on or after our published compliance date of 4/1/2008 NPI's will be required for all non-Atypical secondary providers submitted on claims and encounters to AHCCCS.**
Please see note below related to Prescribing Providers.
- As previously shared, CMS elected to allow for an NPI Enforcement delay not to exceed May 23, 2008, to allow for ongoing testing and outreach efforts and to ensure no disruption in payment. Effective May 23, 2008 the CMS contingency period expires and CMS expects full compliance with all NPI related regulations.
- A current listing of Provider Type to NPI requirements is available on the AHCCCS Website for your reference. No recent changes have occurred.
- The AHCCCS NPI Fact Sheet has been updated and is available on the AHCCCS Website. This document may be used in whole or part by any Health Plan or Program Contractor. Please let us know if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, etc for future updates.
- Reminder – AHCCCS will now accept NPI information directly from Health Plans/Program Contractors either via the Health Plan Provider Affiliation process or the Health Plan NPI information reporting form, please exercise these options to update PMMIS provider information as needed.
- Beginning March 1, 2007 AHCCCS requires that all new registrations of “covered” providers include the provider’s assigned NPI, prior to completion of the registration process.
- Beginning February 1, 2007 AHCCCS began the production of the FTP provider file on a weekly basis. This is intended to provide Health Plans and Program Contractors with the most current NPI information on file for all AHCCCS providers. Weekly production of this file will continue through at least August of 2008.
- Health Plan/Program Contractor NPI Contingency Plan status updates will no longer be due each month. However, we will be contacting each Health Plan/Program Contractor individually in late May to discuss final implementation status as well as any issues/concerns, etc.
- We will also continue to work with each Health Plan/Program Contractor individually on any ongoing NPI related issues/concerns, etc. as needed.
- Prescribing Providers – The prescribing provider NPI required edit has been set to soft pending additional analysis of issues and concerns voiced by several of the plans. More information to come.
- NPI Exceptions – We are in the process of evaluating and outlining processes for the handling of exception situations where an NPI either is not available or cannot be obtained for a provider. More information to come.